

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-10-4**

Date Prepared: September 29, 1999
For Work Week Commencing: October 4, 1999
Business Meeting: October 4, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. D99.7.171 – Gordon-Prill-Drapes – Discuss the application of Gordon-Prill-Drapes of Missoula for a waiver from the Commission's rule prohibiting electric master metering. Information provided cites a substantial cost savings (10/5/99)
2. D99.9.215 – MDU – MDU Least Cost Plan – To approve a notice of the plan and to extend the comment period to December 15 (10/5/99)
3. N99.6.143 – House Bill 128 – MITS Company request for extension and other matters in regard to HB 128 as necessary (10/5/99)
4. N99.9.222 - Operator service provider rate caps – Act on OSP rate caps for coming year (10/5/99)
5. D99.7.168 – USWC Rate Decrease re: HB 128 tax reduction – Discussion and action on stipulation, other matters as necessary (10/5/99)

6. D98.8.190 – Western Wireless ETC – discussion and action on motions, if any, other matters as necessary (10/5/99)
7. FCC 96-45 – Western Wireless FCC ETC Crow Reservation – Discussion on comments to be filed with FCC (10/5/99)
8. D99.9.221 & D99.9.220 – PSC and MCC Tax – To approve orders authorizing recovery of the taxes (fees) (10/5/99)
9. D97.7.90 – MPC Court case on Standards of Conduct – Further discussion on settling lawsuit on Standards of Conduct , Cause No. DV-98-200 (Butte district court) (10/5/99)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. U S WEST Communications, Inc. – Docket No. D97.5.87 (Robin)

On March 26, 1999, U S WEST filed a "Notice to Withdraw Proceeding." This Docket can now be closed.

2. Quest/US WEST D99.8.200 (Denise)

On September 28, 1999, Montana Consumer Counsel filed a petition for intervention. Recommend: grant request.

3. Fairmont Hot Springs Resort (Denise)

On September 24, 1999, Daniel T. Berube filed a request for intervention on his own behalf as a homeowner and customer of Fairmont Hot Springs Resort. Recommend: grant request.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-10-12

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N99.9.216 – USWC – ICB contract with Sprint – ISDN Service
- N99.9.217 – USWC – Tariff Renew Residential & Business WinBack Promo
- N99.9.218 – Croft Petroleum – App for natural gas supplier license
- D99.9.219 – Grant Creek – Sale of assets
- D99.9.220 – PSC – Funding Fees
- D99.9.221 – MCC – Funding Fees
- N99.9.222 – Operator service provider rate caps